

Hawaiian Gazette.

U. S. WEATHER BUREAU, January 28.—Last 24 Hours' Rainfall, .13.
Temperature, Max. 75; Min. 66. Weather, variable.

SUGAR.—96 Degree Test Centrifugals, 3.67c. Per Ton, \$73.40.
88 Analysis Beets, 10s, 3/4d. Per Ton, \$82.40.

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—SEMI-WEEKLY.

WHOLE NO. 3081

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE UNANIMOUSLY ENDORSES ACTION OF THE GOVERNOR

His Organic Act Amendments Voted All in Interest of Territory—Some Sections Are Amplified.

The proposed amendments to the Organic Act, contained in the bill drafted by Governor Freat and gone over by him before the House committee, were endorsed emphatically and without reservation at a fairly well attended meeting of the Chamber of Commerce yesterday, the endorsement to be sent to the Delegate as requested by him. This unanimous vote not only endorses the Governor in his actions but in a back handed way puts the Chamber on record as opposed to the later bill introduced by the Delegate, putting the administration of local lands in the hands of the local lawmakers. Nothing stronger in the way of an endorsement of the work of the Governor could have been passed than the resolution adopted without a contrary vote, while the amendments intended to amplify the bill as drafted by the Governor were not passed until assurances were given that the Governor not only knew about them but endorsed and helped to draw them up for the report.

J. P. Cooke, chairman of the committee on legislation and public improvements, presented the report, explaining at the same time that it had been drafted by A. Lewis Jr., the chairman of the Lands Advisory Committee, from the recommendation of which the land clauses in the Governor's bill had been drafted. The report reviewed the bill section by section, concluding with this clause:

"The committee believes that it is for the manifest benefit of the Territory that this bill be passed by the Congress of the United States, and therefore recommend the enclosed resolution."

The resolution enclosed said, in part: "Whereas, the amendments and each of them are highly proper and for the manifest benefit of the Territory, not only in the administration of the internal affairs of the Territory, but also in its relations to the national government of the United States, and * * *

"Now therefore be it resolved, That the Honolulu Chamber of Commerce in meeting assembled does hereby unanimously support and endorse its hearty approval of that certain bill now pending in the Congress of the United States, known as Bill H. R. 23252, with its proposed amendments outlined above, and for the reasons above given respectfully requests the passage of the above mentioned bill by the Congress of the United States."

The amendments suggested by the resolution, as explained by Mr. Lewis,

are intended to amplify and enlarge on the sections drafted by the Governor. One amendment particularizes the obligations to be assumed by a homesteader in securing public lands and defines definitely the length of residence on the land, the duties of cultivation obligatory, the cash payments and the time limits for the same and other points of a specific nature. The amendment suggested in the report and resolution has, to quote the report, "the approval of the Governor and is practically in terms similar to the amendment sent by him to the Delegate in Washington. If the amendment can be inserted without prejudicing the passage of the bill owing to the status to which it may have advanced in Congress, it would be desirable to have it inserted, otherwise the bill should remain in its present form."

This suggested amendment is: "Said lots shall be appraised at their market value, and shall be offered for sale, if the land has not been previously under cultivation, at not more than twenty-five per cent. of such value, or, if the land has been previously under cultivation, at not less than fifty per cent. of such value, which shall be payable without interest in installments extending over a period not exceeding ten years, with the privilege on the part of the purchaser of paying on any installment date any or all installments then remaining unpaid; the purchaser shall be required within a period of not more than ten years after the date of sale to maintain his home and reside on the land not less than five years, beginning, if the land is not already under cultivation, not more than three years, and if the land is already under cultivation, not more than one year after the date of sale, and no period of less than six months of continuous residence upon the land shall be held to be a part of said five years; he shall also be required to reduce and maintain in cultivation within and for such times during said period of ten years as may be prescribed, not more than fifty per cent. of the land, if the land has not been previously under cultivation and not less than fifty per cent. if the land has been previously under cultivation, of the arable portions of the land; the time within which he may obtain a patent shall be not less than five nor more than ten years; and such agreement may contain such other terms as may be deemed appropriate for the promotion of bona fide homesteading on the lands in question."

No Going Back.

After the presentation of the report and resolution, Chairman Morgan said he remarked that he hoped to see the full discussion of the matter before any vote was taken.

"I think that our action should be (Continued on page 2.)

PRINCE ITO ILL.



WANT A BETTER NATIONAL GUARD

Would Tax All Gun Owners to Improve and Strengthen Regiment.

The officers and members of the board of directors of the Merchants' Association, elected at the annual meeting yesterday, are: President, F. L. Waldron; vice president, W. F. Dillingham; secretary, E. A. Berndt; treasurer, C. von Hamm; directors, George W. Smith, E. H. Paris, T. H. Petrie, C. Du Roi and G. F. Bush.

The nine directors, the board including the officers, were elected by ballot after a contest, there being five nominations more than the number to elect. W. E. Wall was tied with Mr. von Hamm on the vote, the deciding motion being in favor of Mr. von Hamm.

Improvement of Militia.

The most important matter taken up at the meeting besides the election of officers, was the adoption of a report concerning the National Guard of Hawaii, the report being strongly in favor of the association recommending to the Legislature the establishment of the militia on a stronger and more permanent footing, with the Adjutant General in command a salaried official of the government. The report showed: That the N. G. H. had the skeleton formation necessary; that the regulations of the War Department required the regiment to be recruited up to full twenty-company strength; that it is proposed to give the militia training in coast artillery work to increase their efficiency; that \$18,000 has come to Hawaii and been paid out to residents as a result of the establishment of the U. S. militia; that the Adjutant General has too much to do without compensation; that "The National Guard should be placed upon a thoroughly business basis (Continued on page 2.)

MILLIONS READ HAWAII BOOSTS

Promotion Committee Press Bureau Matter Reaches Many States.

As an indication of the publicity being given to things Hawaiian on the mainland through the efforts of the press bureau department of the Promotion Committee, the clipping from mainland papers of one week which have reached the committee were piled upon the table at yesterday's meeting. These showed that forty-two papers, great and small, were regularly using Hawaiian news supplied them by the committee, and that in the one week taken as a sample, 954 column inches were printed, covering twenty-three States and going into the hands of over a million readers.

This showing was very favorably commented upon by the Promotion Committee members, who stated their appreciation of the efforts being made by Will J. Cooper in his particular department.

Los Angeles Party Coming.

Secretary Wood reported that a party of twenty-five tourists, worked up by the Los Angeles representative, would arrive on the morning of February 22. He also read a number of letters of an encouraging nature, one from a representative of the North German Lloyd Steamship Company, thanking him for a suggestion that the company undertake an excursion tour of the Pacific, starting at San Francisco, and stating that the matter had been submitted with a recommendation to the head office in Germany.

Hilo Sharing in the Work.

Reference being made to the comment of the Hilo Tribune that Hilo need expect little from the committee, President Bowen made a statement to the effect that the committee was endeavoring to do everything in its power to send tourists to Hilo as much as to every other part of the Territory. "This committee draws no lines and is working impartially for all parts of the Islands. I am sure that it is a mistaken impression, if it exists, that this committee or Honolulu generally has anything but the best of wishes for Hilo," he said.

Secretary Wood reported that he had written to Hilo to enquire the number of vacant houses there might be there to rent to tourists. "He was informed that there was only one vacant cottage in the town. 'That week we sent over a tenant for that cottage,' concluded the secretary.

Goodbye After Climatologists.

A letter will be sent to Dr. Goodhue, who leaves shortly for Sweden to attend a medical gathering, accrediting him as the representative of the committee and authorizing him to invite the members of the American Climatological Association to hold its 1910 meeting in Honolulu, where a real climate can be sampled. This meeting is held at the same time as that of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

JAPANESE DESIRE TO TAKE PART.

Consul General Uyeno yesterday expressed his pleasure in the remarks of the Hawaii Shippo regarding the desire of the Japanese to take a part in the celebration of Lincoln Day and Washington's Birthday. "This is the sentiment that will bring the races here together," he said, "and will do much to create the feeling of unity that is desirable between peoples who intend to make Hawaii their home."

The Consul General offered to be one to pay a part of what expense might be incurred by the Japanese community in these events. The matter will probably be taken up by the Japanese Merchants' Association.

BIG BASEBALL AT THE LEAGUE PARK TOMORROW.

HEAVY LIBELS FOLLOW THE COLLISION OF THE TWO ATLANTIC STEAMERS

(Associated Press Cablegrams.)

NEW YORK, January 29.—The steamer Florida, which damaged the White Star liner Republic in collision, as a result of which the latter vessel sank, has been attached and libeled for two million dollars' damages by the White Star company. The Florida's owners have brought a counter damage suit for \$224,000.

SACRAMENTO, January 28.—A message was received in the Assembly today from the Governor, in which the Governor advises the legislators against enacting any anti-Japanese legislation at this time. The Governor recommends taking a census of the Japanese in this State, and urges that the State Legislature abide by the action of Congress as affecting legislation in regard to Japanese.

SAN FRANCISCO, January 28.—Eight jurors have been secured for the trial of President Patrick Calhoun of the United Railways, who is charged with bribery. These eight jurors are subject to peremptory challenge.

WASHINGTON, January 28.—Secretary of State Root has refused to cause to be extradited the Russian, Rudowicz, who is wanted by his government for alleged political crimes.

CARSON, Nevada, January 26.—Francis J. Newlands has been reelected to the United States Senate.

MESSINA, January 27.—A fall of snow has increased the suffering in this city.

MARE ISLAND, January 27.—All departments of this navy yard have been consolidated under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Construction and Repairs.

NEW YORK, January 27.—Patrick Kiernan, formerly president of the Fidelity Funding Company of Pittsburg, has been arrested at the request of the police of that city.

NICE, January 27.—The American fleet will reassemble in the Bay of Toulon, Morocco, on January 31, to take on coal and provisions for the homeward voyage.

INDIANAPOLIS, January 27.—Fifty-eight saloons have been closed as the result of local option elections in four counties.

WASHINGTON, January 27.—The Senate has confirmed Donnelly for Public Printer.

WASHINGTON, January 27.—Gompers, Mitchell and Morrison, the labor leaders, have been ordered to pay \$1500 costs in the contempt proceedings.

TOPEKA, Kansas, January 27.—J. L. Bristow has been elected United States Senator from this State.

CALLAO, January 27.—The American Pacific fleet, under command of Rear Admiral William T. Swinburne, has reached this port.

WASHINGTON, January 27.—The House of Representatives has today ordered to be expunged from the Congressional Record Congressman Willett's fierce attack on President Roosevelt.

WASHINGTON, January 27.—President Roosevelt in a message to Congress asks for an appropriation for the removal of the wreck of the U. S. battleship Maine from Havana harbor.

WASHINGTON, January 27.—A bill for the settlement of the Brownsville disturbance and negro regiment disbandment trouble has been approved, not only by President Roosevelt, but by Senator Foraker, who was at loggerheads with the President in the settlement of the affair.

PARIS, January 27.—Coquelin is dead.

SACRAMENTO, January 27.—A resolution was today introduced in the Senate of the State Legislature asking for the recall by the Japanese Government of His Imperial Japanese Majesty's consular representative at San Francisco, on account of alleged interference of that official in matters of State legislation.

SACRAMENTO, January 27.—Bills involving legislation affecting the Japanese in this State have all been postponed for a week from this date. The matter of legislation directed against aliens owning lands in this State, originally directed particularly against the Japanese, will be made a general measure, covering all aliens and prohibiting them from owning land, and this with a view to meeting the desires of President Roosevelt in the premises.

WASHINGTON, January 28.—President Roosevelt yesterday appointed a commission to investigate certain needs in the Navy. His action came as an unexpected surprise in congressional and naval circles, in view of the just announced policy of Secretary of the Navy Newberry and his plan for the reorganization of the service.

The commission has been asked to consider the question of the division of responsibility between the branches of the Navy Department and the lack of coordination in the different functions performed. The various bureaus have been requested to make recommendations for a change in the organization, the number and the location of the various navy yards and to recommend plans and make suggestions for maintaining the fleet in constant readiness for war.

HAVANA, January 28.—The inauguration of the new Cuban Government takes place today. The masts and other wreckage of the wrecked battleship Maine have been decorated with garlands in honor of the event and to commemorate the part that the blowing up of the battleship had in the war with Spain, resulting in the independence of Cuba.

LONDON, January 28.—It is reported here that the infant Chinese Emperor is suffering from confluent smallpox.

SACRAMENTO, January 28.—A bill was introduced in the Legislature today appropriating \$10,000 for taking a census of the Japanese resident in the State.

HAVANA, January 28.—President Gomez was today inaugurated as the head of the government elected to conduct the Cuban Republic. The ceremony was an imposing affair, in which the American representatives took a prominent part. The city is in gala attire.

WASHINGTON, January 29.—Secretary Straus, in a letter to Senator Flint of California, states that 12,413 Japanese entered the country during 1907, but that in the following year there was a decrease of 4477, due to the agreement between Japan and the United States. The Secretary is positive that the figures are exact.

WASHINGTON, January 28.—The bill to reimburse Hawaii for the \$23,393 expended on the maintenance of lighthouses in the Islands has passed the House and was today favorably reported to the Senate.

SEOUL, January 29.—Prince Ito is ill and will return in February to Japan to recuperate.

SACRAMENTO, January 29.—The Senate defeated the Woman's Suffrage Bill by a vote of 39 to 37.

SACRAMENTO, January 29.—The Senate Committee has decided to make an unfavorable report on the Anti-Racetrack Bill.

WASHINGTON, January 29.—The Census Appropriation Bill has passed the House.

AGITATOR ORGAN NOW TALKING OF STRIKES

"Strike! Strike! Strike!" is the way the Nippon Jiji yesterday concludes one of the many violent articles published in its pages on the present labor agitation question, which it is trying to foster and concerning which, as an indication of desperation, it is getting daily more vehement. A portion of its argument yesterday was of an obscene nature, going to a length unparalleled in the history of any press in these Islands. In an urgent plea for members for the Higher Wage Association and their fees, it says:

"In spite of opposition, the High Wage Association is forging ahead among the plantation laborers. Many are joining it; there are several plantations, in fact, where every laborer is a member. We rejoice in seeing that this is becoming the general feeling among the Japanese. But we need more laborers. Compared with the total number now on the plantations, our membership has not as yet reached a satisfactory number. Every member ought, therefore, to work with vigor and determination to bring in recruits."

The Nippon drags the question of patriotism to Japan into the agitation again, quoting the following lines of poetry:

"Knowing full well what will result, Yet spurred by the Spirit of Japan I press steadily forward."

Concluding another article, the Nippon gives this warning:

"If a strike be started on one plantation now, it will spread like wildfire."

BIG CUBAN COMPANY OF HONOLULU PEOPLE

The first step in what promises to mean much for the systematic development of Cuba's resources has been taken in filing the papers of incorporation of the San Juan Land and Development Company. The incorporators are Samuel Parker, Gilbert J. Waller, Alexander Lindsay Jr., Louis Tinsant, Edward Ingham, J. H. Soper and Gilbert J. Waller, trustee.

While the main work of the corporation will be carried on in Cuba, the head office will be in Honolulu.

A large tract of land has already been secured in Cuba, on the north shore of the province of Puerto Principe, with twelve miles of sea frontage and a total area of 26,660 acres. The land is of good quality for sugar cane.

Judge Lindsay, A. J. Campbell and General Soper made a trip to Cuba for the purpose of looking over the land and are confident that the newly-organized corporation can play an important part in the general work of making a "new Cuba."

JUMPED FROM MOVING CAR.

A Chinaman jumped from a moving street car on the Liliha line last night at ten o'clock, receiving a bad fall. He was taken in an unconscious condition to the Queen's Hospital and up until two o'clock this morning was still unconscious. The hospital physician could find no broken bones.